



**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FOR 2019/2020 SEASON
HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO LINK
ON
TUESDAY, 4 AUGUST 2020 AT 19.30 HRS**

Present

Robert Jinks, Ian Harper, Richard Smith, Andy Milham, Mac Chivers (Hon. Treasurer), Tim Sanders, Bridget Keener, Steve Carsons, Brian Grimwood, Tony Coleman, Chris Oldham, Tony Howells, Jim Richards, Margaret Dolan, Mike Middleton (Hon. Secretary)

Apologies

Rachel Brown, Mike Brown

Introduction

With the recent resignation of Margaret Dolan from the committee, the club currently lacks both Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Therefore, the Hon. Treasurer acted as Chair for the purposes of this meeting. Before the meeting proper commenced he thanked Margaret Dolan for her services on the Committee, Jim Richards for organizing the refreshments on Club evenings, and Tim Sanders for hosting the meeting on his Zoom account.

Minutes of 2018/2019 AGM

The minutes of the 2018/2019 Annual General Meeting, previously circulated to all members, were passed as read.

Proposed: Mike Middleton

Seconded: Andy Milham

Officers Reports

Reports by the Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Competitions Secretary and Secretary had been circulated previously to all members.

Mac Chivers reported that a change will need to be made to the naming of DPIs submitted for club competitions. An amendment will be made to the club website detailing the new format.

The Hon. Treasurer informed the meeting that getting the signatories for the club HSBC current account amended had proved extremely difficult and frustrating. He felt that the easiest thing to do would be to close the present current account with HSBC and open a new account with another bank. He said that he had costed the planned expenditure for the coming season and the club will be able to cover this.

The Hon. Secretary reported that responses to the “Moving Forward” paper that was circulated indicated that 14 present members intended to rejoin (7 members did not respond), and 4 present members would not be rejoining. He added that contact had been made with some members of the public who had expressed an interest in the club via the club’s Facebook group page and this may result in 2 or 3 new members next season. It therefore looked as if club membership would be around 21 to 24 in September.

The Hon. Secretary reported that as we had not been able to hold the AGM on 21 April 2020 as originally planned the old committee had continued to operate. A number of committee meetings had to be held and plans made to deal with the ongoing Covid-19 situation in respect to next year’s programme and its delivery.

Election of Committee

The Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary both agreed to continue in their posts. Margaret Dolan had previously resigned from the post of Vice-Chair and the committee at a committee meeting. Both Tony Coleman and Mike Bowden said they would continue to service as Members Reps.

Tim Sanders agreed to cover marketing and publicity but said that due to his RPS commitments the help he could offer would be limited. Bob Jinks said that he would be willing to be Equipment Officer.

It was agreed that the following members would take on particular roles for 2020/21:

Mac Chivers – Hon. Treasurer
Mike Middleton – Hon. Secretary
Tony Coleman - Member's Rep
Mike Bowden - Member's Rep
Tim Sanders – Publicity and Marketing Officer
Bob Jinks - Equipment Officer
Andy Milham - portfolio to be established as required.

Changes to The Constitution

The Hon. Secretary said that there were two versions of committee job descriptions. One that was part of the constitution and the other a revision agreed by a previous committee though never inserted in the constitution. It was agreed that the committee should look at the job descriptions and amend the constitution accordingly without approval of an Extraordinary General Meeting.

Any Other Business

Jim Richards asked if a change was planned to subscriptions for next season and the Hon. Treasurer replied that this will depend on the number of current members who rejoin, whether we attract new members and changes to costs due to programme delivery. For example, if speakers deliver on-line then we will not have to pay travel expenses. He also said that probably the easiest way for members to pay subscriptions would be direct into the club’s bank account.

Margaret Dolan said that she would organise a Summer Programme for 2021.

It was asked if there was any news of when the club could use the Methodist Church Rooms again. The Hon. Secretary responded by saying that he has been in continuous contact with Jim Woods (Church Halls hiring representative) and that at the moment the Bideford Methodist Circuit were trying to work out if, and how, they could open rooms for hire in the light of Methodist Church Council and government guidelines. Jim Woods will contact the club when the situation becomes clear. However, it seems very unlikely that the situation will change until, at least Christmas. Margaret Dolan proposed that the club runs virtually until the end of December 2020. This was seconded by Tim Sanders and agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05 hours.

Mike Middleton
Honary Secretary



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